

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed June 1, 2005 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 1-11 and 13-23 remain pending in the application. Of these, claims 1, 4, 8 and 18 are the independent claims. The Examiner's allowance of claims 4-11, 14 and 18-23, and the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter for claims 1-3, 13 and 15-17, are appreciated. Claims 1, 2 and 15-17 are amended in the manner suggested by the Examiner. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's allowance of independent claims 4, 8, 18, and their dependent claims, is appreciated.

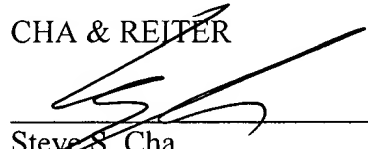
Claim 1, and its dependent claims 2-3, 13 and 15-17, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as indefinite, but the Examiner indicates that these claims would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the basis for rejection under this section.

Claims 1, 2 and 15-17 have now been amended in the manner suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 13 and 15-17 are believed to overcome the basis for rejection under this section.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned in the event of any perceived outstanding issues so that passage of the case to issue can be effected without the need for a further Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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